GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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POLIO TEST CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Polio Surveillance Project India and other organizations under the World Health Organization conduct tests for detection of polio virus among the polio affected children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Medical Institutes for conducting polio test in the country alongwith the details of their performance;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to set up centres for polio test in various parts of the country, particularly, in Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, The National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) assists with the surveillance for detection of poliovirus. NPSP supports the field surveillance system that is linked with WHO accredited and supported network of eight national and global specialized polio laboratories across India.

Two stool samples are collected from each child with acute flaccid paralysis. These samples are tested for poliovirus in these WHO accredited laboratories.

(c) There are eight institutes (laboratories) where the test for poliovirus is conducted
The names of these laboratories and the number of samples tested by them during the last two years are as below:

Lab Name	2006	2007
BJMC, Ahmedabad	8450	9168
NIV, Banglore	1525	3381
ERC, Mumbai	3960	5265
IOS, Calcutta	8906	10197
PII, Coonoor	440	279
CRI, kasauli	1738	2205
KIPM, Chennai	13871	16476
SGPGI, Lucknow	23328	31239

(d) & (e) No, Sir.